



BAPTISM

PARENT/CHILD CLASS

Parents,

We are so excited to have you and your child join us for the Baptism Class. You are the greatest influence in their life and we want to support you well as you guide them spiritually. This class will help confirm your child's readiness in taking this important step.

As you have conversations at home about what it means to be a believer in Christ, and what baptism means, you may want to refer to the FAQ's about Baptism on our website at www.vineyardcincinnati.com.

This public declaration, or way of showing others their choice to follow Jesus, is an exciting step for your child. It's also an opportunity for them to understand more deeply the great salvation Jesus has given us.

Also, take time at home with your child to talk about Romans 6:23 and Ephesians 2:8-9. These verses help us all understand that God's gift of new life here and in heaven is not earned by our goodness. The good we do is a response to God's love for us, rather than the reason we are accepted by God. It's all about Jesus!

Thank you and please contact us if you have questions.

God's blessings to you and your family,

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Helping Kids Understand Communion

The act of taking communion at Vineyard Cincinnati is an important part of our worship experience with God. We believe that any believer – any person who has given their life to Jesus and chosen to follow him - can serve and receive communion.

When we take communion, we remember that Jesus gave his life to cleanse us of sin and provide a promise of eternal life, bringing the kingdom of God to us in a real and personal way. Communion can happen at church, in a small group setting, at meetings or in our homes.

God is able to speak to our hearts in many ways through communion:

- Remembering and being thankful for what Jesus has done for us
- Understanding forgiveness and the power to live free from sin
- Understanding the healing work God does through Jesus
- Experiencing the connection we have with others in the body of Christ.

Having communion together is a great family experience. At home, read and talk about these Bible passages with your child, and worship God together as you partake of the elements.

Matthew 26:26-29

Mark 14:22-26

Luke 22:7-23

John 6: 51

I Corinthians 10:16-17

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

²³ I passed on to you what I received from the Lord. On the night the Lord Jesus was handed over to his enemies, he took bread. ²⁴ When he had given thanks, he broke it. He said, "This is my body. It is given for you. Every time you eat it, do it in memory of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup. He said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Every time you drink it, do it in memory of me." ²⁶ When you eat the bread and drink the cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.

Family Baptism Class Worksheet

Parents: Complete #1-4 with your child. We will complete #5-7 together in class.

1. Parents, tell your child about when you became a believer and when you were baptized. Then have your child practice telling you their story about when they became a believer in Jesus. You can write ideas here, or just be ready to talk about it. *What happened? What was it like? What do you believe about Jesus? Why do you want to be baptized?*

2. Who can be baptized? Anyone who is a ...

Circle one: person believer in Jesus child grown-up

3. Read Matthew 28:16-20.

Matthew 28:16-20 English Standard Version (ESV)

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. **17** And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. **18** And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Who said we should baptize believers? What did he say in vs. 19?

4. Read Romans 6:3-4 (*Older children read through verse 7*)

Romans 6:3-7 English Standard Version (ESV)

3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. **5** For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. **6** We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. **7** For one who has died has been set free[b] from sin.

When you are baptized, you are remembering what Jesus did for us. Going under the water shows you believe that Jesus died with your sins and was buried. Coming up out of the water shows that you believe Jesus rose up from the dead. Jesus gives us a brand new life. God's life gives us power over...

Circle one: animals sin people angels

We will complete # 5-7 in our Baptism class together.

5. What is baptism?

- An _____ sign or symbol
- A _____ of what Jesus did for us
- A way to _____ with Jesus

6. Being a believer means two things:

- You have accepted Jesus as your _____.
- You have made Jesus your _____.

7. Certain things are true of Believers or Christians - They:

B _____ **R** _____ **F** _____

Great idea: Call, text or email a friend or relative to tell them about this special time in your life!

OK... LET'S DO THIS!



Here's the rundown on how baptisms will work this weekend.

- Arrive at **Community Room** in the Atrium **30 minutes** before the service in which you're being baptized, along with whoever is baptizing you. If you would prefer, a member of the baptism team would be happy to do the honors—just let us know and we'll pair you up.
- **Get changed** into the clothes you'll wear for baptism.
 - Shorts & t-shirt work great (dark-colored please!)
 - Flip flops or barefoot
 - Don't worry about glasses—you can leave them behind or hand them to a member of the baptism team before you go in the dunk tank and they'll hand them back to you.
 - Bring a towel with you. We'll take it from you before you get in the water and hand it back when you're done..
 - Bring your change of dry clothes and leave them in the Community Room.
 - Hair dryers are available.
- **Ready to GO!** When worship kicks off, we need to be lined up to enter the auditorium, along with the person baptizing you. There is no particular order you must be in.
- **Get changed & re-join the service.** Once you're baptized, you'll return to the changing rooms & can rejoin the celebration in progress when you are ready. Children can join their Vineyard Kid's classes, though depending on the time they come, some groups may already be in small groups. **If they are going to attend a Vineyard Kid's class, please get a nametag sticker BEFORE the service!**
- **Celebrate!** Stop by the baptism selfie area just outside the community room to commemorate the special day with your family and friends.

REMEMBERING THE DAY

This is such a key day in your life, we want to commemorate it with you.

- **Certificate of Baptism.** You will receive a certificate at the registration desk when you check-in for baptism weekend.
- **Baptism Video.** We are capturing this moment and will send you a link to download a copy of the video. Be sure we have your correct email address to send it.
- **Pictures, Family & Friends.** The people who want to be here for your baptism are MORE than welcome to attend the service.